



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-216-S)

In the Application of:)	
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Roninson et al.)	Before the Examiner:
)	Schlapkohl, W
Serial No. 10/032,264)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1636
Filed: December 21, 2001)	
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For: Reagents and Methods for Identifying)	Confirmation No.: 6516
And Modulating Expression of Tumor)	
Senescence Genes)	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 5, 2005, Applicants elect group II (claims 9-12 and 30-33, drawn to a method comprising identifying compounds that induce senescence when expression of at least one gene is higher in the presence of the compound, and further comprising identifying a compound wherein expression of a gene set is not greater in the presence of the compound) with traverse. In particular, Applicants respectfully request that Groups II and III be combined, because Group III merely adds steps to Group II. Particularly, Group III merely adds the step of assaying the cell for cell growth and morphological features of senescence in addition to assaying for gene expression as in Group II. Therefore, the method of Group III can be carried out while performing the steps of Group II.

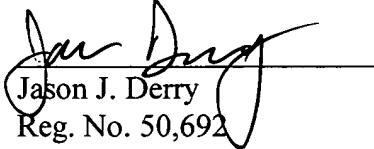
The Restriction Requirement indicated that a specific gene/promoter should be elected. Applicants respectfully traverse this Requirement because the methods of the invention are not drawn to a particular gene. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the invention be properly searched as the method according to its steps.

As required on page 14, Applicants elect the following species to be searched at this time: (1) tumor cell and (2) detection by hybridization.

The Examiner in charge of this application is invited to contact the undersigned representative as indicated below if it is believed to be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
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